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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown, Chief
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RE: Request for 180-day ITU Extension for Negotiations; Norfolk Southern
Railway Company Abandonment in Marion, Grant County, Indiana, STB
Docket No. AB-290(Sub-No. 291X)

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Dear Ms. Brown:

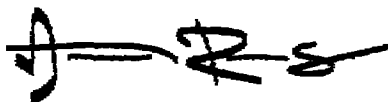
This request is filed by the City of Marion, Indiana, which is a municipal corporation, which is hereinafter referred to as the "proponent". The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Norfolk Southern Corporation toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding acquisition and interim trail use of the line by the proponent.

On March 2, 2010, the STB granted the proponent's request to extend the notice of interim trail use or abandonment negotiating period to August 15, 2010.

The proponent hereby request an additional 180-day period in which to continue negotiations with Norfolk Southern on this matter. Norfolk Southern is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service of a copy of this statement upon Norfolk Southern Railway Company, by U S Mail, postage pre-paid, first class, this 6th day of August 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



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